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## THE VICTOR, A VICTOR

### Decoto Carries Away First Award for Incubator and Brooder.

V. G. Higgins of Decoto has rightly named his incubator and brooder, the Victor, if we are to judge by the victories his inventions have won over other competitors at the State Fair just closed. It certainly speaks well for both his incubator and brooder to have each one awarded the first premium. In addition to this the Victor Brooder which he has produced during the past year received in addition, a SPECIAL MENTION ribbon.

The Victor incubator and brooder are both manufactured at Decoto where Mr. Higgins has fitted up his little factory on the old Wm. Jung place. With the help of his three sons during the past year he has worked hard upon his inventions going cheerfully through the hard pioneering probationary period, that seems the lot of most inventors.

The success of the Victor will mean much to Decoto as well as to the Higgins family where all its members even to the good wife, have worked hard to produce an article of real merit.

We hope everybody in the township will take an interest in the Victor and boost it all you can. It is a very worthy enterprise.

## WILL SOON BE A LAW

### Hetch Hetchy Bill Reported Favorably by Unanimous Vote of Senate Committee

The Hetch Hetchy bill has been reported favorably by the Senate Committee. The report in favor of its passage was unanimous. It will soon come to a vote in the Senate and there is every reason to believe that it will soon pass. President Wilson will sign the bill.

The long fight will soon come to an end. The people of Washington township will rejoice in the happy termination of San Francisco's long fight against special interests for it means our ultimate salvation. Here's hoping that the Senate will speedily pass the bill

## New Undertaking Firm at Irvington

T. J. Berge & Co. have opened an undertaking business in Irvington. The firm has everything the latest in the way of equipment and assure the public of prompt, courteous and efficient service. Mr. Berge, who has associated himself with the Lorensen Bros. of Hayword, needs no introduction to the people of Washington Township, among whom he has lived for so many years. He is well and favorably known, having for a number of years been a traveling salesman for Ehrman Bros. and later a member of the firm of Berge & Rogers of Mission San Jose. For the past two years he has been engaged in the livery business at Irvington. The new firm solicits the patronage of the public and promises the very best of attention to all.

## New Deputy Coroners

Coroner Chas. Tisdale has appointed F. F. Bontelho of Centerville and Ralph Richmond of Niles deputy coroners for Washington Township. Mr. Bontelho has been appointed for Centerville, Alvarado, Decoto and Newark, and Mr. Richmond for Niles, Irvington, Mission San Jose and Warm Springs.

## WINS PRIZES AS USUAL

### California Nursery Co. Wins Two Gold Medals and Many Other Prizes at State Fair.

The California Nursery Co., as usual made a most excellent showing at the State Fair this year. In fact if it were not for the Nursery Company's exhibit Alameda county would have made a sorry exhibit at Sacramento. The gold medals, one for the greatest variety of orchard Products and one for Best Display of Nursery Stock were awarded the company.

Other prizes were awarded the Nursery Co., as follows:

Second prize on apples.

Thirteen first prizes on nuts, fruits, and vegetables.

First prize on best packed box of tomatoes. 3

First prize on best display of tomatoes.

The splendid display of the Nursery Company at Sacramento contained 70 varieties of pears and 50 varieties of nuts.

A unique feature of the exhibit this year was the display of licorice root. It was the source of much admiration and surprise.

## LONDON EDITOR VISITS PALMDALE

Robert P. Porter, editor of the London Times, and a world-famed student in economics, diplomat and journalist, was the guest of Henry Lachman at Palmdale Monday. Mr. Porter is on the coast arranging for data for a special Panama-Pacific number of the Times, which will be issued next December. This edition will be printed in various languages and will portray the beauties and advantages of the entire coast.

Mr. Porter was delighted with his visit at Palmdale and simply reveled in the beauties of our section and was charmed with our climate. Mr. Lachman took him through the Livermore valley and Niles canyon and along the foothills at Warm Springs.

Mr. Lachman also had as his guest this weeek Mr. B. C. Brown of Charles Brown & Son, San Francisco. Mr. Lachman induced Mr. Brown to bring his famous fashion show exhibit, which has attracted so much attention in Oakland and San Francisco, to the County Fair at Pleasanton.

A number of business men of San Francisco have been invited by Mr. Lachman to attend the County Fair.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis Passes Away

Mrs. Elizabeth Capon Ellis, wife of the late Capt. H. H. Ellis, died at her home at Sunol Glen, Wednesday, Sept. 24, after an illness extending over a period of nine months. Deceased was a native of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and was 84 years and 9 months of age. She came to California in 1851, her husband having come in 1849.

For many years she resided in San Francisco, where her husband was for two terms the Chief of Police of that city. She was the mother of the late H. C. Ellis and survived by her five other children, Mrs. I. V. Ledyard of Sunol; Capon Ellis, Los Angeles; Philip A. Ellis, Niles; Robert Ellis, Pleasanton, and Mrs. Charles Riddell, Chicago.

The funeral took place Friday, with cremation at Oakland.

## S. P. Official Will Confer on High School Train Service

At the regular meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Washington Township to be held at Centerville next Wednesday, October 1, the meeting will be addressed by L. Richardson of Oakland, representative of the Southern Pacific Co., on what can be done in the way of transportation for high school pupils in this township. The meeting is a very important one and offers a great opportunity for our people to present their transportation needs. The meeting should be well attended.

## Hurrah for Pleasanton

There is to be a special train run from Alvarado, Newark, Centerville and Niles on Sunday, Sept. 28, leaving Alvarado at 7.40 a. m., round trip $1.00; leaving Newark at 8.00 a. m. fare 75c.; leaving Centerville at 8.05 a. m., fare 60c. The Alameda County Fair with its attractions such as exhibits, races and baseball will be the feature of the day. The train leaves Pleasanton at 5.55 p. m. Everybody get out and boost our county fair.

## FIRST AMERICAN FLAG IN CALIFORNIA

### Interesting Paper Read by Mrs. Schofield Before the Niles Woman's Club

The following interesting paper was recently read before the Niles Woman's Club by Mrs. M. P. Schofield:

"In order to make this story plain it seems necessary to review some events of Colonel Fremont's early life.

As a student at Charleston (S. C.) College he was exceptionally bright, but when about sixteen he fell desperately in love with a young W. I. girl and became sadly neglectful of his studies. He absented himself for days together from his classes, would not listen to reprimand and finally, when the patience of the faculty was exhausted, they expelled him. But years later, in recognition of his abilities and service to the government, his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degrees of B. C. and M. A.

After leaving college he first tried teaching, then surveying and, after that, in 1838 and 1839, he went, under the command of M. Nicollet, a French scientist, on two separate exploring expeditions into the Northwest Territory at the headwaters of the Missouri and its tributaries.

In 1842 he was commissioned by the government to explore the Northwest frontier of Missouri and to go as far as Wind River Mountains. He was out four months and succeeded in planting our flag on the highest peak—13,000 feet high—which is now known as Fremont's Peak.

In May, 1843, he set out on his second expedition and by the following November he had crossed to the Pacific Coast at Fort Vancouver and was the guest of Dr. McLaughlin, Governor of the British Hudson's Bay Co.

This was as far as he had been commissioned to go, but instead of returning by the route whence he came he planned to try a new route home in order to increase his knowledge of this great western country. This new route was to be on a southeasterly line from the Lower Columbia to the Upper Colorado.

So inaccurate, at that time, was the geographical knowledge of the region which he proposed to explore, the journey proved to be a most painful and disastrous one.

He knew, or thought he knew, of a great river, like the Columbia, flowing westward from the Rocky Mountains to San Francisco Bay. Such a river, Buena Ventura by name, was delineated on the best maps of the time and, though he was leaving Fort Vancouver in November, just as winter was coming on, he thought his party of twenty-five men and one hundred horses, would be able to reach the Valley of the Buena Ventura River before they would be suffering for either rest or feed. And when once there, he reasoned there would be plenty of grass and game.

So they started, but where they expected to find the valley of the river, cast of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, they came upon the desert country of Western Nevada, and the whole expanse, as well as the Sierras, covered deep with winter snows.

Extracts from Fremont's journal for the months of January, February and March, 1844, show that in getting out of the desert and over the mountains to Sutter's Fort, on the American River, the sufferings of the entire party were like what the Donner party had to endure as they came in to California.

They left Sutter's Fort on the 24th of March, traveling at the base of the Sierras toward the pass at the head of the San Joaquin River, about 500 miles distant from the fort, where they recrossed the Sierras, came again to Salt Lake and then on home, having been absent from home eleven months.

In the spring of 1845 Fremont started on his third expedition, which was to include an exploration of the great interior basin between the Rocky Mountains and the Sierras and the maritime country of both California and Oregon.

The party gradually made its way westward and in October was encamped on the southwestern shore of Salt Lake. It was midwinter again before they were ready to cross the Sierras, which they did in two sections, Fremont himself, with a few men, going over, as directly as possible, to Sutter's Fort to obtain supplies, then traveling up the San Joaquin Valley to meet the rest of his men, who entered California farther south.

When all were together again Fremont went alone to Monterey to report to the United States officials there the condition of his party. On his way back to camp he met a body of cavalry with a message from General Castro to himself ordering him to get out of the country instantly and threatening his arrest if he did not obey. The message had been sent out from the City of Mexico, from which city also war with the United States had been declared, but it was not yet known in California.

Fremont and party were in no condition to return to the desert from which they had just come, so instead of leaving the country *instantly*, he retired into the Pico del Gabellan (Hawk's Peak), a rough mountain overlooking the plains of San Juan and Monterey. He chose near the summit a strong position, which he fortified by a rude fort of felled oak trees, over which he hoisted the American flag. For three days they remained encamped, during which they saw Castro at the Mission San Juan, in the plain immediately below them, preparing his forces and strengthening them by Indians.

The country was thrown into great excitement. The United States Consul at Monterey, fearing that Castro would attack Fremont, sent to the United States Consul at Mazatlan for assistance. Fremont's men wished to sally forth and attack Castro, but Fremont was unwilling by any act of violence to compromise his government or impair the safety of the American settlers in the country.

Towards the close of the fourth day the flag, which had been hoisted on a tall sapling trimmed into a flagstaff, suddenly fell, staff and all, to the ground.

This was ominous. While the men looked at each other doubtingly Fremont said, "Men, that means saddle up." And before morning they were many miles away in the San Joaquin Valley. During the night a message from Castro, at Gilroy, reached the deserted camp, proposing to Fremont that they two should join forces and declare the country independent of Mexico and march against Governor Pico, who was in Southern California.

After this episode Fremont quietly and without molestation, journeyed northward into Oregon. He determined to explore a new route to the tidewater region of Klamath Lakes. While yet at the lake, one day two men came riding up from the south. They proved to be part of a guard of six men conducting a United States officer, who was on rines, who had been dispatched from Washington. Fremont picked ten of his best men and with the two couriers started on their back trail to meet the United States officer. The officer proved to be a lieutenant of United States marines, who had bene dispatched from Washington the November previous (it was now the 10th of May, 1846) via Vera Cruz, the City of Mexico and Mazatlan to Monterey with dispatches to the Consul there and then to find Colonel Fremont, wherever he might be. The most important part of the message this officer had brought to Colonel Fremont was that he should watch for and counteract any foreign scheme in California and conciliate the good will of the inhabitants towards the United States. This communication from Washington changed all Fremont's plans; he decided to go back to California.

He arrived in the Sacramento Valley in May, 1846. Three great operations were then going on fatal to American interests: (1) the massacre of Americans and destruction of their settlements in the Sacramento Valley, (2) the subjection of California to British protection, (3) the transfer of the public domain to British subjects. The American settlers sent a deputation to Fremont's camp, imploring him to place himself at their head and save them from destruction. They said, "Castro was marching up on then; the Indians had been incited to burn their wheat fields as soon as the grain was ripe; a British fleet was expected on the coast; the British vice-consul, Forbes, and his emissary priest, McNamara, were ruling and conducting everything."

The Mexican war had begun, but Fremont did not yet know of it. He supposed the two countries were still at peace as when he left home a year ago. He felt the responsibility to be great in yielding to the wishes of the settlers, but as Castro was actually approaching he determined to meet and repulse him and save the country to the United States or establish the independence of California.

In thirty days all the northern part of California was freed from Mexican authority, independence proclaimed, the flag of independence raised, Castro flying to the south, the American settlers saved from destruction, and the British party in California broken up.

This movement was the salvation of California and snatched it out of the hands of the British. For two hundred years since the time of navigator Drake the eye of England had been on California and San Francisco Bay. Anticipating a war between the United States and Mexico she sent two squadrons to the Pacific coast as soon as Texas was incorporated, a small one to the mouth of the Columbia, a large one to Mazatlan to watch the United States squadron there. Commodore Sloat commanding saw that he was watched, so determined to deceive the English admiral. Sloat stod out to sea and was followed by Admiral Seymour. During the day he bore west as if going to the Sandwich Islands. In the night he tacked, returned to our western coast and entered Monterey Bay. The British admiral, not seeing the tack, sailed on entirely to the islands. Sloat remained five days before the town until he heard of Fremont's operations. Believing that Fremont had orders from the government, though he had none himself, he determined to act. He heard of Fremont's successes on the 6th of July. On the 7th he took the town of Monterey and sent a dispatch to Fremont. Fremont came to him in all speed and the commodore learned, with astonishment, that Fremont had no orders from the government. This left the commodore without authority for having taken Monterey, for still the commencement of war with Mexico was unknown to either of these officers.

Commodore Sloat became uneasy and on the 15th of July turned over his command to Commodore Stockton and returned to the United States.

The next day—16th—Admiral Seymour came back from the islands, but when he saw the American flag flying over Monterey, the American squadron in the harbor and Fremont's men encamped in the town, he knew the prize has escaped him and that his mission was at an end.

Fremont and Stockton rapidly pressed the conquest of California to a conclusion.

Before the junction of Colonel Frenont with Commodores Sloat and lag—but in joining the United States forces the Californians hauled down this flag and hoisted the flag of the United States."

## Poor Dog Pete.

Arthur Whipple of Decoto has a hapless dog, Pete, which is now, on account of an inordinate curiosity, a hairless dog. He is under the care of a veterinary and hopes are entertained for his recovery. But he will never be the same. His fine courage and his canine precocity will never recover from a harrowing experience of this morning, when he inadvertently explored a lair of blackbirds.

He didn't seen to be a vandal. He just stumbled upon the covey of birds and flushed them before he knew what he was doing. Then they attacked him before he knew what had fallen on him. With unerring decision they picked him clean. In the dog hospital he wears a red flannel union suit to keep him warm, and also for decency's sake.

The fight was fast and furious and would have resulted in defeat even more ignominiously for Pete had not assistance arrived in the last round. Whipple chanced upon the silent drama quite accidentally, but in time to save the dog, all but exhausted, and hairless.

## VALLEY TOWNS ASK LINE TO CITY

### Livermore Starts Campaign To Be Included in Proposed Municipal System.

"This movement for the ownership of the traction lines by the allied municipalities of the east side of the bay is one of the most important steps in the progress of our development that has ever been proposed," said Supervisor D. J. Murphy of Alameda county, "and the people of the Livermore valley will insist that their territory be included in the district.

"The time is not far off when a traction line from Hayward to Livermore, over Blumer Hill road will be built and this should be part of the system. We want that road and, as a means of bringing it about, we want to be included in the proposed traction district."

In furtherance of this plan the Livermore Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee consisting of L. M. MacDonald, J. J. Callagan and Paul Goldsmith to negotiate with the cammittee which Mayor Mott of Oakland is to appoint within a few days with the object of having included in the district at the very beginning a strip of the Livermore valley from Hayward to Livermore.

At Pleasanton steps are being taken to support the Livermore Chamber of Commerce and at Niles a movement has been started to have that territory included in the traction district.

## IS PUT OFF FOR ONE WEEK

### Corporations Oppose Being Included In Our Water District Ask Delay.

At the request of Attorney Charles Snook, representing the Continental Salt Co., Attorney Hugh McCloskey of the Dumbarton Land Co. and other corporation representatives, the hearing of the petition for the formation of the Alameda Water District was postponed to next Monday, September 29. Attorney Nourse of the Washington Township Water Committee consented to the delay, but called the attention of the board of Supervisors to the fact that the law permits of no further delay than four weeks altogether. The four weeks will have expired by a week from next Monday, at which time the Board must fix the boundaries of the proposed district.

That the various corporations will make a determined effort to escape being included in the district is very evident. Whether theey will or not depends upon the Board of Supervisors. The Morgan Oyster Company, in which Lou Crellin of Pleasanto and his brother of Oakland are interested, do not feel that their company, which owns some 15,000 acres up in the bay within the Alameda County line, should be subject to a tax to conserve the water supply of Washington Township. I is true they have some fresh water wells that tap the underground supply and that some day in the distant future they may dike and reclaim some of their land, but just now they are more interested in salt water and oysters than they are in helping to conserve the water supply of Washington Township.

The Dumbarton Land Company owns thousands of acres of marsh land fronting on the bay. They have already done much dredging and filling in and their water frontage will some day be a very valuable property. Every movement that helps to improve Washington Township will help the Dumbarton Land Company's holdings. It should be included in the district and not allowed to shirk its responsibility.

Even the salt companies themselves need fresh water and this year's experience of one of the companies with its wells ought to convince it that the small share in will be called upon to contribute toward the conservation of the underground water supply will be but trifling in comparison with the benefit to be derived by their properties.

The difficulty with these large corporations, which have heretofore been permitted tn enjoy their large holdings without much of a burden in the way of taxation has been brought about by the Water Committee's fixing the western boundary of Alameda County as the western boundary of the proposed water district. Like all corporations, they are anxious to avoid contributing toward a public movement if possible. Their action in this matter will serve to direct greater attention upon them and in the future they will undoubtedly have to bear a closer scrutiny.

There may be an excuse for excluding the oyster company lands, but the marsh lands should all be included in the proposed district.

Next week the matter will probably be threshed out and it is to be hoped that our Water Committee, through their attorney and engineer, will insist on these corporations bearing a share of the small burden of taxation for the protection of the township's most valuable resource.

## County Fair This Week

The Alameda County Fair at Pleasanton this week has attracted a good attendance. The exhibits are fully up to last year. Today is the last day. A more complete account will be given in the Press next week.

## Supervisor May Undergo Operation

Supervisor D. J. Murphy may have to undergo an operation for appendicitis according to a report from Livermore today.

## Death of Mrs. Leland Cutler

The death of Mrs. Leland Cutler (nee Belle Jarvis) at her Berkeley home comes as a sad blow to the many friends in the township where she was a general favorite.

The funeral was held on Thursday from her home in Berkeley. A more extended notice will be given next week.

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## PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT

The movement to incorporate a public utilities district under the Gates law for the purpose of taking over the electric car lines of the county is now being pretty thoroughly discussed throughout the county. At present the Gates law itself is being studied. The financial aspect of the problem is also being pretty carefully studied. It is safe to say that several months of study and discussion will be necessary before the project will reach the stage where an election for the formation of a district will be held. It is a big project and deserves deliberate action. The question of the physical valuation of the properties will naturally be of prime importance.

It is a question with some whether our own township will profit more by private ownership or public ownership. The argument in favor of private ownership is that we are more likely to secure recognition in the way of an extension if private interests secure large tracts of our land. It is believed that this will be an inducement for them to build an extension in order to make good by the consequent rise in real estate values. The practice of the Oakland Traction and the Los Angeles system are cited in support of this contention.

On the other hand it is argued by those who favor public ownership that it is the history of private ownership of public utilities that no liberal extensions as a rule are voluntarily made by such corporations. Such extensions mean a large outlay and a consequent decrease in dividends. It is argued and many examples cited to show that with private ownership the tendency is toward a contraction of the area served with consequent short hauls, frequent fares, less operating expense and larger dividends. Should the Oakland system be bought up by foreign capital this tendency would be aggravated, as the main interest in the properties would be a dividend paying basis. It is also contended by those who favor public ownership that the unincorporated section of the county would receive greater attention at the hands of the people of the entire county because of the desire on the part of the cities to foster the development of its tributary country and promote a closer union of the commercial interests of the entire county. It is believed that under public ownership more heed would be given to our demand for electric lines.

In the meantime the Press strongly urges our people to ask to be taken into the proposed district. It will help to advertise our needs. If taken in it will enable us to voice those needs on all occasions. We believe that public ownership is bound to come sooner or later, and that it will mean a considerable shortening of our long wait for recognition if it should come sooner. We also believe that with public control there will be less likelihood of private interference or dictation with reference to those other public enterprises upon which the development of our section depends.

At the same time we believe in a careful study of the situation in order to avoid blunders which may outweigh the advantages derived. The law should be carefully studied and the probable cost thoroughly shown before the big undertaking is attempted.

## NILES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Apparently the Niles Chamber of Commerce is in need of an old-fashioned revival. It not only needs new blood, but it needs a new spirit. There is no reason why Niles should not have the biggest and most active Chamber of Commerce in the township. The town has the best of prospects and there is ample room for good, effective work. What the organization needs more than anything else is a real desire to boost Niles and not an effort to confine its activities to any particular clique or faction. The time has come for the people of Niles to rise to their opportunity and make the Chamber of Commerce an organization representative of the entire community. It is about time for all to realize that if Niles is to have a live organization of this kind that personal domination or private axes should be relegated to the scrap heap. The Niles Chamber of Commerce has suffered entirely too much from private feuds and what it needs now is to forget them. It should turn its face to the splendid future of the town.

## FREE DENTISTRY FOR CHILDREN

The Board of Supervisors have under consideration the establishment of a free dental clinic for school children. The proposition is a very sensible one and will undoubtedly be the means of preserving the health of a great many children. The movement is being advocated by the women and shows the result of active participation in affairs by those who appreciate the value of healthful child life.

The attention of the readers of the Press is called to the Farmers Section of the Press. Some very excellent reading matter will be found in each issue. Read it.

## Newark.

Miss Emma Wales visited her folks here over Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Brown is home from a three months' stay at Mt. Hermon, very much improved in health.

Mr. G. Lazarini is in San Francisco for medical treatment.

The Misses Susie and Flora Brown spent Tuesday in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nolan were tendered a very pleasant party on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Caldeira in honor of the seventh anniversary of their wedding day. After an hour or more of games, refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldeira, Mrs. F. Nunes, Mrs. Shaves, Mrs. A. F. Caldeira, Mr. and Mrs. M. Perry, Mrs. H. P. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Simas, the Misses Delphina Frances, Rosie Santos, Emma and Helen Caldeira, Catheerine Martin, Violet and Marie Nunes, Regina Sweeney, Messrs. Frank Silvya, Manuel Simas, Frank and Harry Sweeney, Tony Frances, Tony Santos, Fred and Joseph Dias.

Mr. W. H. Hafner spent Wednesday in the city.

Mrs. Falk entertained the birthday club on Thursday.

Mrs. Peter Gadd and family are spending a few days in Oakland.

A number of moulders have been enjoying a week's outing.

Mr. McLaughlin is driving for Mr. Buchanan.

Miss Millie Garcia is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. Silva.

Joseph Nunes returned Monday from Sacramento, where he had been enjoying the State Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Francis and son, Manuel Francis, are visiting relatives in Sacramento.

Mrs. Layson returned from Ben Lomond to Arden Wednesday.

Dr. Curry made a visit to Oakland on Wednesday.

T. J. Berge & Co., Undertakers and Embalmers, Irvington, Cal.

## Decoto

The California Brick Co., formerly the Oakland Paving Brick Co., will hereafter have its main office at the plant here at Decoto. A new system of keeping accounts has been installed by Manager C. E. Fuller. Some further improvements of an extensive nature are being planned.

Mrs. Clara McNairn and little son are visiting Mrs. McNairn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Jackson.

Ted Whipple had the misfortune to have a finger crushed in a belt at the Alameda Sugar Co.'s mill at Alvarado Wednesday.

Born—In Decoto, September 21, to the wife of Frank Muniz, a daughter.

The Decoto Juniors will play the Hayward baseball team at Decoto on next Sunday.

R. C. Kennedy expects to leave next week for Davis, Yolo county. He intends to take a six weeks' course in agriculture at the University Farm there.

Tony Kelly, who has been at Applegate, Placer county, for the past two months, is here for a few days' visit with his folks.

Mrs. W. Anderson has taken a clerical position in the Bank of Alameda County at Alvarado.

Mrs. T. S. Fereira of Oakland was a visitor in Decoto last Friday.

The Masonic Home trustees are having the five cottages between the main building and the Siminoff Temple moved further back. A large brick annex is to be erected on the present location of the cottages.

## Nine Hundred Dollars For Restoration Fund

The Mission San Jose Restoration Committee have this week sent to the general committee in charge something over $900.00. This is the result of the Carnival and a number of donations. The financial results of the effort are very creditable and the Native Sons and Native Daughters feel very grateful to the public for their generous help.

## Centerville

Mr. and Mrs. Elde Brown of Galt are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stevenson.

The ladies of the Centerville town hall association are to give a whist tournament in the town hall Saturday evening, October 11, for the purpose of raising money toward a new town hall fund. Tickets will be 50 cents and everybody is invited to help. The ladies say they intend to have a new hall in place of the present antiquated structure.

F. F. Bontelho, who is proving a very capable and popular successor to his highly esteemed brother, the late George Bontelho, is about this week in a new underslung 35 horse power Regal auto. Mr. Bontelho is greatly pleased with the cordial reception which the people of the township have given him.

Mike Culligan is at the Fabiola hospital undergoing treatment.

The "Sweet Sixteen" club of Centerville resumed its meetings last Thursday, with Miss Bess Dusterberry as hostess, the usual sixteen members being present. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. Hansen on Thursday, October 2.

The social dance given by the Centerville Band boys last Saturday evening was well attended and was a very successful affair in every way.

Statistics have been furnished the Oakland Commercial Club by the superintendent of the Southern Pacific Company's electric suburban system which show that the suburban train and ferry traffic about San Francisco bay is larger than anywhere else in the United States and possibly in the world.

The figures of the Southern Pacific Company alone show that 836 trains are operated daily from the ferries at the Oakland and Alameda moles. The total average passengers carried each month is 1,600,000. This is greater than the traffic of the Delaware & Lackawanna suburban system to and from New York and also greater than the local service of the Illinois Central Railroad to and from Chicago.

## The Champion Hunter

Dan Greenwood is the champion hunter of Niles. He not only brought in the first buck of the season but brough in the first limit of tree squirrels this week.

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### Splendid Game on Local Diamond Sunday.

Niles entertained the Livermoreans on the local sandlot last Sunday afternoon and won out in the ninth inning by a score of 3 to 2. The game was replete with good playing, both defensive and offensive. There were two home runs, one by Gibson over the left field fence on the fly, and one by Holm which went over the same place on the bounce. Robinson broke up the game in the ninth inning with a timely single when Bresauler was on second, Bresauler scoring.

Gibson's home run, which occurred in the fourth, was the hardest hit of the season, the ball clearing the left field fence by several feet. Several times this season the ball has bounced over the eight-foot fence, but Gibson was the first one to put the ball over on the fly.

Livermore began the scoring in the first half of the fourth. Lamb started with a single but was forced at second on Coffey's grounder to Dolan. Coffey stole second, but there was no need of it, for Holm hit a long fly which bounced over the left field fence for a home run, scoring Coffey ahead of him.

Niles evened things up in their half of the same frame. After Bresauler had grounded out to Ludwig, Gibson poled out his home run. Robinson was out on a grounder to pitcher. Totheroh made a three-base hit to deep center and came in on Dolan's hit. Dolan was out trying to get to second.

Then there was no scoring until the last half of the ninth, when Niles made their winning run. Bresauler started the rally with a single to right and Gibson was next up. Evidently Speck was afraid of Gibson for he served him with free transportation to first. Robinson had not been hitting very hard during the day but he was due for at least one hit, and sure enough, he singled to center and Bresauler scampered across the plate from second before the ball was recovered.

Livermore threatened to do something in the sixth when two singles and a walk filled up the bases with only one down. But Dolan was equal to the occasion and struck out Ludwig and Speck.

The score:

NILES.

| | AB | R | BH | PO | A | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Roach, rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bresauler, cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Gibson, 2b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Robinson, 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Totheroh, 3b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Dolan, p | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Perry, ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Sheehan, lf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sund, c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 1 |
| Totals | 27 | 3 | 6 | 27 | 13 | 2 |

LIVERMORE

| | AB | R | BH | PO | A | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Silva, ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Wagner, rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anderson, rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Garbin, 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Lamb, 1b | 4 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Coffey, lf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Holm, cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Lubbs, c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| Ludwig, 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Speck, p | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Totals | 32 | 2 | 7 | 24 | 9 | 1 |

SCORE BY INNINGS.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Niles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1—3 |
| Hits | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2—6 |
| Livermore | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0—2 |
| Hits | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0—7 |

SUMMARY.

Two-base hit, Sheehan. Three-base hit, Totheroh. Stolen bases, Bresauler and Coffey. Home runs, Holm, Gibson. First base on called balls, off Dolan 4, off Speck 4. Struck out, by Dolan 10, by Speck 10. Double play, Sund to Robinson to Gibson to Perry to Totheroh. Umpire, Norris.

NOTES ON THE GAME.

The mightiest willow-wielder on the Livermore bench was Lamb, the first station master, who made four singles in the same number of times up. The whole Niles infield figured in a double play in the third inning. Wagner was safe on a walk and J. Garbini sacrificed, Sund throwing him out at first In the meantime Wagner had made second and was thinking of going to third—doing his thinking on the run. Robinson threw the ball to Gibson and Wagner was run down between second and third, Totheroh finally tagging him.

Robinson as usual made his timely hit. In the ninth with two on bases he hit in the winning run with a drive to center.

Holmes would have been the hero of the game if it hadn't been for Gibson. The Livermorean drove one over the left field fence on the bounce for a home run in the fourth with one man on base.

It was pretty much of a pitcher's battle between Dolan and Spark and was about a toss-up until the ninth, when Spark weakened.

It might not prove such a terrible preposterous idea for Niles to tackle one of the State League teams in the near future. They could give any of them a pretty good run for one game.

## Alvarado.

Mrs. A. Rutherford came home on Saturday from a ten days' visit in Placerville, El Dorado County.

Miss Maude McCarty, who has been quite ill at home for two weeks, was removed to Fabiola hospital on Wednesday.

Joe Gaspar is not improving from his recent injury.

Mr. and Mrs. August May went to Oakland on Wednesday.

Mr. H. C. Weile, superintendent of the Alameda sugar factory, spent Wednesday in the city.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph entertained the Birthday Club at luncheon on Friday and on Friday evening entertained a few additional friends in honor of her natal day.

Mrs. Barth was hostess at a meeting of the "Butt Ins" on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Jr., spent Wednesday in Centerville.

Miss Shaffer of San Francisco is visiting Mrs. Mayme Holston.

Miss Emma Naber of San Francisco was the guest of Miss Alma Norris over Sunday.

George Hellwig is visiting in Los Angeles.

Miss Dot Nanert and Mr. Boyd of San Francisco were guests at the Nanert home over Sunday.

Miss Beryl Farley was home from the Normal Saturday and Sunday.

The Alvarado Whist Club met on Wednesday evening in I. O. O. F. hall with Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Stevenson as hostesses.

Mrs. Edwards spent a few days in the city this week.

Mrs. Kayser has been a visitor in San Francisco for several days.

Mrs. Dora Tainton is home from her visit with relatives in San Jose.

Mrs. Beebe and Miss McCormack are home from a three weeks' stay in Pacific Grove.

At the call of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, a successful mass meeting was held Monday night for the purpose of organizing a fire department. J. H. Ralph was made chairman and elected chief and A. J. Rutheford was made secretary. A committee was appointed as follows to draft a constitution: O. J. Emery, A. J. Rutherford and J. H. Ralph.

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## Niles Notes

Mrs. M. J. Silva is at Morton's hospital in San Francisco where she has been under treatment for an affection of the bone of her ankle.

Mrs. Dora Overacker was called to Woodland to attend the funeral of Mr. Philander Overacker, brother of the late Howard Overacker and fathe of Mrs. S. Lawson, nee Carrie Overacker, who hasmany friends in this community. Mr. Philander Overacker has made his home for many year with Mrs. Lawson who is his only child. He passed away on Tuesday, Sep'. 23, at the age of eighty years.

There was a large meeting at the church Wednesday evening. The annual bazaar was discussed and the date was set for near the first of Dec. Committees were appointed by the president. Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Mayhew were appointed visiting committee for the coming month Mrs. DeCora gave a talk on the making of Persian Rugs, as given by an Oriental at the At Home Club in East Oakland. Mrs. Cruthers and Mrs. Cluff entertained for the afternoon and served punch and cake.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dillard and little daughter visited relatives in Niles over the week end.

Miss Martha Runckel spent Sunday with Miss Gladys Gibson .

The Niles Rebekah Lodge will hold a whist tournament Saturday evening, October 11, in I. O. O. F. hall in Niles.

This is the first social function given by the Niles Rebekahs. Admission is 25 cents, including refreshments. A most delightful evening is anticipated.

Miss Etta Sherman of Snells Seminary, Berkeley, spent Sunday at the Belvoir.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tyson are enjoying an outing at Santa Cruz, having gone down in their auto. They will take in a number of side trips.

Mrs. Albert Shaw of Hollister visited from Wednesday until Friday at the Belvoir and the Mayhew home.

The Belvoir is just about ready for occupancy. The building is practically a new one, and has been furnished new throughout. Although a most popular resort as it was, it bids fair to be even more popular than ever. The opening will be October 4.

Mr. Mayhew was called to San Francisco on Wednesday owing to the illness of his sister, Mrs. F. E. Curtis.

Mrs. Layson entertained the Union 500 Club at her summer cottage in Ben Lomond on Monday afternoon. Among the ladies from Niles to enjoy the day were Mrs. Philip Moore, Mrs. W. E. Gibson, Mrs. H. Mosher and Mrs. G. Hudson.

Mrs. S. O. Higley and Miss De Cora visited with Miss Jefferson in Los Gatos Monday.

Mrs. Mayhew entertained a number of friends at luncheon Thursday in honor of Mrs. Albert Shaw of Hollister.

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The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morrell of Niles, has been quite ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Evans visited the city this week.

Dr. McKown and family are sojourning at Pacific Grove for two weeks.

Mrs. Murphy was a passenger on the Thursday morning train for the city.

Mrs. Ed. Roderick of Irvington visited Mrs. J. Roderick and Mrs. Nelson on Sunday.

F. M. Vincent has resumed his class in China Painting. He will receive pupils evenings and Saturdays.—Adv.

Miss Irma Rasamussen called on Mrs. Secada and Miss Myrtle McPherson on Sunday

Mr. Vincent Silva returned Saturday from Honolulu, bringing with him a bride. We all join in wishing him a long and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Whitfield, Pete Whitfield, Myrtle McPherson and Fred Nelson and wife motored to Oakland Saturday night and took in a play at the Ye Liberty theatre of that place.

## Irvington

Mr. Alferd Griffin spent Sunday visiting his folks in Irvington.

Mrs. Jesson of Irvington has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Colter of Oakland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mattos were visitors in San Francisco Tuesday.

E. H. Hirsch made a business trip to the city Wednesday.

Judge Wamsley is quite busy attending to court matters. Speeders are a profitable revenue.

The park at Irvington is one of the prettiest spots in town. Indeed, it is a good example for the rest of the township to follow—cleaning away rubbish and making vacant lots attractive by a well-kept lawn and a few good shade trees.

Mrs. Lutz was in the city Wednesday.

Dr. Durham and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Leland Cutler in Berkeley on Thursday.

Mr. Gutadine is enjoying a week at the springs.

Mrs. Stribling visited in Irvington on Wednesday.

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### S. P. TIME TABLE

**NILES**
**Toward San Francisco and Oakland.**
**Leaves Niles**

A. M.—5.50, 7.00, 7.48, 8.15, 8.59
P. M.—12.10, 1.35, 2.59, 5.13, 6.13, 6.28, 9.27, 9.50.

The 8.59 a.m., 1.35 p. m., 6.13 p m. and 9.27 p. m. trains are flyers. The 9.50 p. m., makes flag stops at all stations except Decoto.

**From San Francisco**
**Leaves San Francisco**

A. M.—2.15, 6.40, 7.20, 9.00.
P. M.—1.00, 1.20, 2.20, 2.40, 4.00, 4.40, 5.00, 5.20, 6.20.

The 2.15 a. m., 7.20 a. m., 2.20 p. m., 4.00 p. m. and 5.00 p. m. trains are flyers.

**Leaves Niles for San Jose**

A. M.—8.53, 11.08.
P. M.—3.07, 5.00, 6.53, 7.57.
(These trains leave Irvington seven minutes later.)

**NEWARK**
**Toward San Francisco.**
**Leave Newark.**

A. M.—7.15, 8.43.
P. M.—4.13, 5.35, 8.20.
(These trains leave Alvarado 10 minutes later.)

**From San Francisco**
**Leave the City.**

A. M.—8.27.
P. M.—1.25, 5.32, 9.30.

**Leave Newark for San Jose**

A. M.—5.10, 9.28.
P. M.—2.20, 3.20, 6.32, 10.29.

**Leave Newark for Niles.**

A. M.—9.57. P. M.—5 35

**Leaves Newark for Redwood**

P. M.—3.30.

**IRVINGTON**
**Toward San Francisco**

A. M.—5.41, 6.45, 7.37, 11.58.
P. M.—2.38, 4.56, 5.05, 9.42.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda.

In the matter of the estate of Francisco G. Pereira, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administratrix of the estate of said deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice to hesaid administratrix at the law office of Jno. G. Mattos, Jr., in Centerville, County of Alameda, California, which said office the undersigned selected as her place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Francisco G. Pereira, deceased.

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